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CHARGES FELL PRETTY FLAT

Confederate Home Investi- gation Brought Out Noth- ing Definite.

JUST AS EXPECTED

Those Who Testified Against Col. Pace Based Most of Accusations on Mere Hearsay.

The committee from the state senate, consisting of Senators Field, Hudson, and Major, accompanied by Sergeant-at-Arms Burt, concluded its work of investigating the charges in regard to the Confederate Home at Higginville last Wednesday. The charges were preferred against Col. Pace, the superintendent of the home, by Rev. J. N. Crutcher, recently of Higginville, now of Kansas City, a member of the State Board of Charities. Mr. Crutcher charged Col. Pace with allowing drunkenness and immorality among the residents at the home and of being himself a drunkard, a grafter and an immoral man.

As everybody conversant with the conditions at the home anticipated, the charges were shown to be absolutely groundless. All evidence derogatory to Col. Pace's character, with a single exception, was based on rumor and hearsay. A man named Smith from Marshall testified that his wife and Col. Pace had been guilty of immoral relations. On cross-examination he admitted that his wife had secured a divorce from him on the grounds of desertion.

There has undoubtedly been drinking at the home; but it was not shown that the management was culpable. Capt. M. L. Belt while on the stand called Mr. Crutcher a "dirty dog". He apologized to the committee, for using such language, but refused to apologize to Mr. Crutcher.

During the first part of the examination Mr. Crutcher conducted his side of the case without assistance, but later was assisted by Numa F. Heitman of Kansas City, who has recently been prominent as an anti-liquor worker.

Col. Pace was represented by Messrs. Keith, Blackwell and Halliburton.

The committee will not make its report for some time; but it is practically certain that Col. Pace and his assistant, Capt. Benton, will be exonerated. The committee made an inspection of the home and will in all probability recommend several minor changes.

The results of the investigation is pleasing to most of the people of Higginville. It is the general opinion that the charges were caused by Mr. Crutcher's love for notoriety and his personal animosity against Col. Pace.

State Breaks Back.

Henry Hoover, a workman at the Summit mines, was badly injured by a fall of slate Tuesday morning about 11 o'clock. The slate hit Hoover as he was kneeling down and his back was broken. He may have sustained internal injuries also. Hoover is 45 years old and has a wife and several children. He lives at the mines.

George Wittenberg Moved.

George Wittenberg Tuesday moved his tailoring establishment from the Commercial Bank building to Hinesley's old stand on Main street. Mr. Wittenberg has always enjoyed the confidence of the public in his line and now, being more conveniently located, his business will undoubtedly receive a new impetus.

Mrs. James Hays visited in Higginville Wednesday.

H. F. Blackwell returned from Higginville Wednesday morning.

Herbert Kinkead left Wednesday for a trip to Parker, Kansas.

Misses Nadine and Norma Steele spent Wednesday in Kansas City.

Miss Fannie McFadden returned from Kansas City Tuesday evening.

Mrs. J. P. Coven went to Houstonia Tuesday evening to visit relatives.

Miss Inez Shelby returned to Kansas City Tuesday evening after a visit with friends in this city.

Council Proceedings.

The city council met in regular session Monday night with Mayor Walton in the chair and all the councilmen present. The usual claims were allowed, the reports of the various committees read and approved and the routine business transacted. The bill of the Lexington Gas and Electric company was reduced \$10 for lights out. The original bill was \$446.20, which was allowed less than the \$10.

It was moved and seconded that Pat Lyons be given charge of the city rock crusher and return same to city when called for. The Mayor and City Attorney were instructed to draw up a contract to that effect.

There was only one item of special business. It was moved and seconded that Mayor Walton appoint a committee to secure estimates of the cost for shedding the public hitch rack in the rear of Sill & Shuster's yard. The committee was instructed to wait upon the business men of Lexington and to ascertain what amounts they would contribute towards this work.

The Mayor appointed Jodie Jones and Ed Kavanaugh to be the two paid fire wardens for the month of February, which appointments were confirmed by the council. No night watch was appointed. The council then adjourned to meet in regular session in March.

Kemper and Wentworth to Meet.

Next Monday night is the date on which the Wentworth-Kemper basketball battle will be staged in the drill hall. When these ancient rivals meet there is sure to be something doing in the basketball line. Last year the two teams broke even in a two game series, but this year, the local cadets will put forth their mightiest efforts to smear the Kemper athletes with two defeats. It will undoubtedly be a battle royal from toss-up to the final whistle and it is a safe bet that the spectators will not be turned away disappointed. Reports coming from Boonville dope the Kemper team up to be a winning aggregation and Wentworth has been peeled only once this season and by a college team at that. The intense rivalry existing between the schools will enhance the interest and excitement of the game two-fold.

In Honor of Miss Steele.

Mrs. H. B. Henry entertained twenty guests at a delightful party Thursday afternoon at her home on South street in honor of Miss Norma Steele, whose marriage to William Ralph Humphrey has been announced for March 10. Bridge was the game played and the prizes were unusually handsome. Miss Margaret Aull won the first prize, a cut glass dish; Miss Alice B. Peak the second prize, a water color painting; and Miss Virginia Graves the booby prize, another picture. Miss Steele as guest of honor received a bunch of carnations.

Refreshments consisted of ice cream, cake, coffee and peppermints.

Dancing School.

The dancing school will be conducted Saturday evening as usual, in the W. M. A. amusement hall but the informal dance will be postponed until Monday evening after the Kemper-Wentworth basketball game at 9 o'clock.

In Regard To Valentines.

The postmaster desires to inform those who contemplate the sending of Valentines that if they are sealed the rate of postage will be two cents.

E. M. Taubman was in Kansas City yesterday.

Rev. T. M. Cobb left yesterday for a trip to Longwood, Mo.

Miss Elizabeth Morrison visited in Kansas City yesterday.

R. A. Hicklin went to Kansas City yesterday on legal business.

Bate Drummond went to Kansas City yesterday to spend the day.

Miss Cornelia Luinwies left yesterday for a trip to Springfield, Mo.

Judge Joseph Smith, who has been seriously ill for about a week, is improving slowly.

Joe F. Alford left Thursday evening for St. Louis to purchase the spring stock of dry goods for W. G. McCausland.

Bert White left Thursday evening for his home in Minneapolis, Minn., after an extended visit with relatives in this city.

A. B. Albro of New York City arrived Thursday evening for a visit with relatives in this city. Mrs. Albro came in yesterday morning.

CORDER ITEMS.

Chris Kramer left Wednesday for Indian Territory where he intends to locate.

Tom Jones is an apprentice at the shoemaker's trade in Higginville.

Miss Edna Corder of Three Grove school house spent Sunday with Mrs. R. L. Gaines.

Clarence Peoples is learning the printer's trade in the Corder Journal.

D. G. Jackson was in Higginville on business Saturday evening.

Miss Flossie Jackson of near Alma spent Monday with Mrs. E. Moore of this place.

Sam Humphrey and family of Higginville spent Sunday with the family of John Cross.

Miss Lucile Reynolds attended the debate at Hedgewood school house Friday night.

Oliver Holin left Sunday evening for Oklahoma, where he intends to locate.

Miss Eva Holman of Aulville spent Sunday with parents here.

P. J. H. Risher gave a lecture to the men of Corder at the Baptist church Sunday morning. A good sized crowd was present and Mr. Heister delivered his message in an able manner. All men should have been present. He returned to his home in Odessa Sunday evening.

Henry and Denver Nelmeier are assisting their brother, Chas. Nelmeier, in his general merchandise store here.

Mrs. Geo. Gibbons of Kansas City is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Mattie Steele.

Mrs. W. D. Hall of Quenemo, Kans., is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Everett Bassett, of this place.

James Kirby of Blackburn spent Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Thompson.

Miss Annie Hughes, who is teaching school near Higginville spent Sunday with her parents in Corder.

Mrs. Lizzie Bunch of Blackburn spent a few days last week with the family of K. P. Kramer.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Willis were in Lexington visiting this week and were accompanied home by Mrs. Fannie Coulter of that place.

Rev. J. J. Squires spent the past week with the family of Dr. Carthage while his wife visited in Warrensburg with her daughter.

Although a small crowd was present at the Wegner sale last Tuesday, things sold for a good price. The proceeds amounted to nearly \$2,000. Wm. Wilson and Arthur Frerking were present from Corder.

The monthly meeting of the Golden Links society was held at the home of Mrs. R. L. Gaines. The principal business before the society was the election of officers. They were elected as follows: Misses Lena Kidd, Pres.; Nora Jones, Mildred Maycock and Lucile Martin, First, Second and Third Vice Pres.; Mae Andrews, Secy.; Bernice Bassett, Asst. Secy.; Dorothy James, Corresponding Secy.; Helen Groves, Treas.; Mary Woods and Iva Bassett, Agents for Paper. After all business matters were settled refreshments consisting of some home-made candy was served and all enjoyed the evening.

The seats for the assembly hall in the school building were received Tuesday and the hall will be equipped with fine opera seats in a few weeks.

Robert M. Kelligen of Armenia preached at the Methodist church Sunday morning and he also lectured in the same place Wednesday evening. Wednesday night a silver offering was given at the door and a fine program consisting of four distinct numbers was given. Sunday morning the Armenian told of his country, its religion, habits and massacres and finally ended his program by singing an American song in Turkish language. All enjoyed both of his talks and they will never regret the silver offering. Mr. Kelligen came over to the United States 4 years ago and has spent his entire time in study.

A small negro boy, about nine years old, died Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock from the effects of drinking about ten junces of whiskey. The boy secured the whiskey at noon, drank considerably over a half pint and immediately went into a stupor. His family thought he was only drunk but soon became alarmed and called a physician. The boy had been dead for several hours without the family knowing it.

WAVERLY NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. Vic January returned to their home in Kansas City the first of the week after a short visit with friends and relatives at this place.

James R. Tustin spent Sunday with homefolks in Kansas City.

Mrs. Louis Steffins, of Corder, is spending the week with Dr. G. A. Kelling and family.

J. H. Landrum, who has been quite sick with gripe, is able to be at his store again.

Earl Jenkins of Boonville is visiting relatives at this place this week.

Miss Bertha Larkin returned to Malta Bend, Sunday after a short visit with her parents, Henry Larkin and wife.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of Waverly, will give an Old Folk's Concert, at the Methodist Church Wednesday, February 17th. Admission 25 cents. The public is cordially invited.

Born, Friday, February 5th, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Harle Bradley, a boy.

M. H. Barnes left over the C. & A. Friday for a business trip to Kansas City.

Mrs. Annie Loper and son, Jim, were Waverly visitors last week.

Geo. W. Hackley and J. L. Neer returned Sunday from St. Louis, where they shipped a carload of fine mules.

H. Ashton Bright of Malta Bend was visiting Waverly friends Tuesday.

Mrs. A. H. Ledford is quite sick at this writing.

Misses Georgia Weber and Nannie Palmer returned to school in Marshall Monday after a short visit with homefolks.

Charlie Carpenter went to Kansas City Saturday afternoon.

Miss Wahneta Randolph returned to Malta Bend last week after a short visit with Mrs. Tom Davis.

Oscar Funk of Malta Bend, visited his sister, Mrs. Tom Davis, last week.

Messrs. Coffin, Eckle, McFaddin, Slaughter and Marquis of Lexington were in town Tuesday.

G. B. Hall, who has been quite sick is improving.

The bakery, which was papered and painted last week presents a very attractive appearance. Messrs. Jones and Fell were the artistic decorators.

The Big Six smoke stack, which was blown down by the recent storm, was raised last week and work resumed again.

Mrs. Katie Weber spent a part of last week in Marshall.

Mrs. Tom Fihelly had the misfortune to fall and break her arm Wednesday. Dr. Kelling was called and the fracture reduced and the patient is getting along as well as could be expected.

Willis Vanderlinden met with a painful accident Wednesday. While chopping some wood, a piece flew up and struck him in the eye. While very painful it is not considered serious.

Mrs. Aldridge Corder left Monday for Fulton to attend the Mid-Year Executive meeting of the Missouri W. C. T. U. On Thursday the greater part of the assembly will go to Jefferson City with a petition to the legislature. Mrs. Corder is the president of the twelfth district and we feel sure our district will be well represented.

The Waverly lodge, No. 2,384, Modern Brotherhood of America, has been recently organized at this place. The following are the officers: President, See McGrew; Vice President, Henry Hackett; Secretary, Geo. W. Hackley; Treasurer, Theodore Guenther; Conductor, Will Garrett; Chaplain, Will England; Watchman, Jack Hurlburt; and Sentry, Ira Hackett. The lodge starts out with 22 members and with prospects of doing much to their fellowmen.

Objectors Given Damages.

The county court Wednesday tried the case of Hy Bauman et al, petition for a new road. It was a jury case and a verdict for \$400 damages was given to the objectors. The jury consisted of T. C. Sawyer, F. T. Bates, L. J. Shuster, Jas. Catron, Robt. Pointer and E. B. Vaughn.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Neale went to Sweet Springs yesterday to attend the funeral of their nephew, who died in Washington D. C. a few days ago. The little boy was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Neale.

Criminal Court.

The Criminal court met Monday for its regular term. All the paroles were continued until the next term.

The grand jury convened today consisting of the following members: James F. Blackwell, Odessa; Geo. L. Hackley, Wellington; Walter McElroy, Higginville; D. G. Jackson, Corder; Jessie Graves, Dover; Martin Ehlers, Concordia; C. W. Parnell, Borland; M. A. Chambers, Lexington; Young Ewing, Lexington; L. P. Taylor, Alma; James Mitchell, Odessa; D. J. Owings, Chapel Hill.

Although most of the Criminal court's time was spent with the grand jury Wednesday, a few minor cases were disposed of. Earl George plead guilty to common assault, was sentenced to six months in jail and paroled. George Fleming plead guilty to burglary and received a sentence of three years in the penitentiary. He was released on parole.

The trial of Jas. Bannor, charged with assault with intent to kill, was set for February 16.

The grand jury returned an indictment against Charlie Neet for selling liquor without a license and the trial was set for February 16.

The grand jury reported indictments Thursday against: Jesse Kennedy and Charles Mills, both of Higginville, for disturbing the peace. These were in the crowd which got into the row at the depot Monday night. They were released on a bond of \$100 each and their trials set for February 17.

J. G. Worthington, charged on two counts with selling mortgaged property, plead not guilty and his trial was set for February 19.

Letter List.

The following letters remain uncalled for at the Lexington Postoffice Saturday, Feb. 13, 1909.

Percy S. Bucknam, James P. Banahan, David Bradley, J. Perry, John High, Mrs. Chas. Calabala, Rev. S. P. Cadman, (2) Miss Carter, (teacher), Laura Caldwell, Mrs. Lattie Coats, (4) Miss Slofer Epps, Joe Graham, Miss Leta Harrell, Miss Galdel Hedrick, Miss Ruth Johnson, Johnnie Langford, (Gen. Del.) Eanlee Lee, John Mack, Mrs. Bessie Moffit, J. D. Morris, Mrs. Pattie Reeds, Jela Rula, Miss Myrtle Swallow, Otto Schaefer, Wm. Thompson, L. P. Wearstler, Sam Young.

When calling for these letters please say they were advertised.

DELIA CROWDER,
Postmaster.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to sincerely thank the neighbors and friends, especially the Episcopal minister and the teachers of the Arnold school, who gave us their kind attention and aid during the illness and death of our daughter, Minnie.

John Thomas Walton, wife
and family.

An Old Safe.

George W. Kerdolf has purchased the old safe that used to belong to the Winsor estate and put it into his insurance office. This brings the safe back to the agency for which it was first purchased. It is large and battered and locks with a key. It bears a scar that was received during the battle of Lexington in 1861.

F. N. Adams is in Lexington and has completed arrangements again for the agency of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company. He likes Lexington better than any town in Arkansas, where he has been, and persuaded the company to transfer him back. He and his wife have many friends here who will be glad to see them return. Mrs. Adams is at present in Sedalia visiting, but will come to Lexington the latter part of next week.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses have been issued to:

John Ranon Lexington
Mary Vonn Lexington
Otto Bredelboft Concordia
Alwine Roep Concordia
C. R. Benton Kansas City
Lorana Preston Higginville
Martin Beerman Concordia
Mary Miermeyer Concordia
Walter Ralt Alma
Lydia K. Stagemiller Alma

Mrs. M. C. McFaddin returned from Kansas City Wednesday evening.

Miss Juliet Young went to Winton Thursday to visit relatives for a few days.

CITY CONTEST TO CLOSE MARCH 6TH

Miss Graves is Still a Little Ahead of Miss Good- loe.

AN EXCITING FINISH

Is Anticipated--County Contest to Be Continued a Short Time Longer-- Race Very Close.

The city division of the INTELLIGENCER piano contest will be brought to a close Saturday evening, March 6th at six o'clock. At that time the ballot box will be closed and thereafter no more votes in favor of either of the city candidates will be accepted. Miss Grace Honor Goodloe and Miss Elizabeth Graves, who have remained in the contest are making every effort to finish well and an exciting wind-up may be looked for. Miss Graves continues to keep a little in the lead; but Miss Goodloe is preparing to make things warm at the finish.

Yesterday afternoon there were 281,450 votes to the credit of Miss Graves and 258,900 in favor of Miss Goodloe. This is the last time the vote between these two candidates will be published. So there will no longer be any reason for either of them to hold back. The free vote offer for the remainder of the contest as set forth in the announcement on another page, makes the earliest votes count the most. Heavy voting, therefore, may be expected from now on.

Everyone should help one of the candidates. Even if he is already a subscriber, he can advance his subscription a year or so and be of material aid to his favorite.

IN THE COUNTY

The bad weather and the consequent condition of the roads together with other causes have made it necessary to continue the county contest a short time beyond the close of the city contest. Things are warming up and competition from now on will be exceedingly lively. Miss Ellen Martin of Higginville has been hustling in good shape and has succeeded in overtaking Miss Blanche Bardet of Wellington, who up to this week was in the lead. Both of these young ladies are popular and as their friends are interested, they may be expected to land lots of subscribers. They now stand:

Miss Martin 125,000
Miss Bardet 123,500

Cannady-Mackie.

Mr. Clyde T. Cannady of Yates Center, Kansas, and Miss Ethel Mackie of this city were married by Rev. B. B. Briney at the parsonage Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mackie, who live south of town. She was born and reared in this city and is a capable and industrious young lady. She is a graduate of the Lexington High school.

The couple will remain here until Sunday, when they will leave for the groom's home for a brief stay. They will return to Lexington to make their home.

Lynn Gordon was in Kansas City Thursday.

George McKean was in Kansas City Thursday.

W. E. Hurst was in Wellington Thursday.

Miss Mayme Johnson visited in Dover Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Corse of Wellington were here Thursday.

Miss Clarice Weyand left Thursday morning for a trip to Ottumwa.

J. B. Burris went to Kansas City Thursday morning to visit relatives.

Mrs. Leroy Farmer, who has been visiting in Kansas City for the past few days, returned home Wednesday evening.

Virgil Keene, who has been spending a few days with his sisters, Messrs. Mattie and Fannie Keene, left Wednesday morning.

Mrs. William Shimpson, who has been visiting relatives here for the past few weeks, left Wednesday for a trip to Atchison, Kansas.